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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of:

**\_for**

Inventor

## A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPERATING A DATABASE

Title of Invention

1. X Specification (total pages 14) including:

- a. 2 pages of claims (13 claims)
- b. 1 page Abstract

2. X 5 sheets of      informal X formal drawings (Figs. 1-3)

- 3.\_\_\_\_ Oath or declaration of Applicant ( \_\_\_\_ total pages)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)

- 4.\_\_\_\_\_ Deletion of Inventor(s)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)

- ## 5.\_\_\_\_ Incorporation By Reference

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied in item 3b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- 6.\_\_\_\_ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7. An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_ (cover sheet & document(s))

8. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)

- 9.\_\_\_\_ Power of Attorney

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10. \_\_\_ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  
     \_\_\_ Copies of IDS Citations
11. \_\_\_ A Preliminary Amendment
12. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
13. \_\_\_ A small entity statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27  
     \_\_\_ Statement filed in prior application, status still proper and desired
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16. X Priority of application Nos. PQ4284 filed in Australia on November 26, 1999. Applicant hereby  
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